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Inmate Death at FCI Butner II

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, January 7, 2021, inmate William Ray Wooten tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner II in Butner, North Carolina. On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Mr. Wooten was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation for respiratory distress. Mr. Wooten's condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, February 3, 2021, Mr. Wooten, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Wooten was a 70-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of North Carolina to a 488-month aggregated sentence for Armed Bank Robbery With Forceful Accompaniment, Unlawful Use, Carry, and Possession of a Firearm and/or Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, and Use, Carry, and Brandish a Firearm During and In Relation to a Crime of Violence. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since March 1, 2011.

FCI Butner II is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,384 male offenders.

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